

WILDE (Oscar) A. L. s. 4 pp. 8vo. Hotel St. George, Corfu, April 2nd [1877], to the Rev. H. K. Bramley, Magdalen College, Oxford :

'My old Tutor Mr. Mahaffy, . . . met me on my way to Rome and insisted on my going with him to Mykenae and Athens . . . and I find myself now in Corfu—I am afraid I will not be able to be back at the beginning of Term—I hope you will not mind if I miss 10 days at the beginning : seeing Greece is really a great education for anyone and will I think benefit me greatly.'

Wilde was sent down for coming back late on this occasion. Speaking of the mosaics at Ravenna he says :

'They contained two figures of the Madonna enthroned and receiving adoration—They completely upset the ordinary Protestant idea that the worship of the Virgin did not come in till late in the history of the Church,' etc.

S 17/3/16. Maggs, £12 5s

—— 'Ben Jonson his Volpone,' 1 vol. 1898, with A. L. s. of Oscar Wilde to Smithers, 4 pp. 8vo. 1899, on this work of Beardsley, the forthcoming edition of his play, and 'romance'

P 5/1/16. Shepherd, £4 17s 6d

—— Sherard (R. H.) 'Oscar Wilde, the Story of an Unhappy Friendship,' 1 vol. 1902, with 2 A. Ls. s. of Wilde to Smithers, one 4 pp. 8vo. (initials) on the death of Beardsley, the other, 4 pp. 8vo. on R. H. Sherard (referred to in the book) and the Poems of Lord Alfred Douglas

P 6/1/16. Spencer, £6 15s

—— A. L. s. 3½ pp. 8vo. Lyric Club (no date), to Mrs. Beere :

' . . . I have promised to go to Ernest Birch's Wedding to-morrow . . . so I will have to give up lunching with my brilliant and beautiful Tosca which saddens me, and makes me wish that Ernest Birch had not been born,' etc.

S 3/12/15. Weis, £2 10s

—— A. L. s. 4 pp. 4to. 16, Tite St. S.W. (no date), to the same :

'Of course *we* must fly to Australia ; I could not let you go alone. I have written to Cartwright—a bold genius who is dear Dot's agent—to ask him if it can be arranged. They have also "Mrs. Tanqueray" in which I long to see you. . . . I believe that absurdly shaped country lies right underneath the floor of one's coal-cellar,' etc.

S 3/12/15. Edwards, £5 5s

—— A. L. s. 3 pp. 8vo. Hotel Avondale, Piccadilly W. (no date) to Mrs. Beere :

' . . . I am hard at work rehearsing and everybody has been ill. . . . However *you* are coming—so I hope all will go well. You are very necessary to me as you keep up the dramatic interest between the Acts.'

S 3/12/15. Weis, £3 10s

—— A. L. s. 8 pp. 4to. Kansas City, Missouri, to the same :

'I have lectured to the Mormons—the Opera House at Salt Lake is an enormous affair about the size of Covent Garden and holds with ease fourteen families they sit like this. . . . I have also lectured at Leadville . . . when I told them in my boorish eloquence of 'The secret of Botticelli' the strong men wept like children . . . unluckily I described one of Jimmy Whistler's '*nocturnes in blue and gold*,' then they leaped to their feet and in their grand simple way swore that such things should not be. . . .'

S 3/12/15. Parsons, £9 15s

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